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In re the Application of:

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For: METHOD FOR CORRECTING A DEFORMITY IN THE SPINAL COLUMN AND ITS
CORRESPONDING IMPLANT

REQUEST FOR STATUS

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Dear Sir:

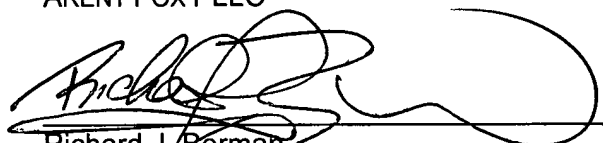
The undersigned attorney respectfully requests the status of the above-identified application.

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